

Arlington Historical Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of
Tuesday, 4 October 2016
Whittemore-Robbins House, 7:45 p.m.

1. Call to Order: Commissioners Pamela Meister, Eric Stange, Patrick Guthrie, Dianne Schaefer, and Chair, JoAnn Robinson.
 2. Review of minutes: Reviewed minutes from September 6, 2016. Approved with edits.
 3. Communications Received:
 - a. Request for information about the process to obtain a historic plaque.
 - b. Message from Josh Wolpert who is doing an environmental assessment at 117 Broadway. Looking for past permits and occupants of this property. (Look on town website)
 - c. General questions regarding 20 Jason Street.
 - d. Request for demolition sign-off for 21 Old Colony Road.
 - e. Dan Perlman regarding 94 Oakland Avenue. He has concerns about large oak tree on his property that is being impacted by construction on property next door.
 4. Reports of other Town Boards and Historical Organizations:
 - a. Arlington Preservation Fund (Guthrie, Schaefer)- Pending application.
 - b. Arlington Historical Society (Meister)- First lecture on October 25 7:30 at Masonic Hall...Chapel of Saint Anne: A Living Masterpiece in Our Midst with Doreen Stevens. This Arlington Heights landmark by celebrated architect Ralph Adams Cram recently observed its centennial.
 - c. Arlington Historic Districts Commission (Robinson)- Nothing to report.
 - d. ATED- Arlington Tourism and Economic Development Committee (Guthrie)– Nothing to report.
 - e. Community Preservation Act Committee (Robinson)- Winfield Robbins Memorial Garden reflecting pool corrosion to be replaced and the inside of the pools to and the Menotomy Indian working with Westin and Sampson proposal . Support of AHC move to approve the work to be done on the Menotomy Indian, Reflecting pool and circulation for a Community Preservation Act.
 - f. Arlington Cultural District Commission (Meister)- No report.
- Historical Commission FY 2016 Budget – Nothing to report.
5. Projects Proceeding under Hearings and Approvals:
 - a. Whittemore Robbins Carriage House 6/13 Guthrie - Patrick Guthrie will be advisor for project.
 - b. 1173 Massachusetts Avenue 11/14 Guthrie- completed remove from projects.

- c. 38 Kensington Park 5/15 Stange- completed. Remove from projects
- d. 61 Brantwood Road 7/15 Stange- Nothing to report.
- e. 1167 Massachusetts Avenue 8/15 Robinson- almost done.
- f. 42 Henderson Street 10/15 Schaefer- Making progress.
- g. 252 Gray Street 2/16 Guthrie- Nothing to report.
- h. 1210 Massachusetts Avenue 3/16 Schaefer- The front porch in progress.
- i. 3-11 Lakeview Street 4/16 Schaefer/Robinson- Stop work order in place.
- j. 418 Massachusetts Avenue 8/16 Stange- Nothing to report.
- k. 47 Mystic Lake Drive 9/16 Guthrie

6. Continuing Projects

- a. Whittemore Robbins House (and outbuildings): Robinson –
- b. Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson –
- c. Education/Outreach: Robinson – Nothing to report.
- d. Historic House Markers- Have one to deliver. Will ask if restoration can be done to current sign.
- e. Town Hall- Nothing to report.
- f. Web Site: Stange – Links from town were down and is now repaired

7. Discussion and Hearings:

Discussion held regarding 4 Medford Street. Jen Raitt, Director of Planning and Community Development, presented the need for sign repair for European Hair Design. The sign will be taken down, scraped and repainted.

A motion was made to support the repair to the sign at 4 Medford Street. All Commissioners approved the motion.

Discussion followed regarding the Arlington Historic Districts Commission, Historical Society, and the Arlington Historical Commission working together on the Town of Arlington Master Plan and Historic Resources Inventory. Preliminary CPA application submitted.

8:00pm Hearing for 18 Kensington Road. Martha Penzenik, architect was present for the hearing. It was stated by Chair JoAnn Robinson that the house has been completely gutted, there is no siding on the house and the windows have been removed. No demolition permit had been issued. The Arlington Historical Commission will request a stop work order in place under the Town bylaw Title 6 Section 6 Article 31. Ms. Penzenik will be looking into this situation with the owners. Also present were neighbors:

Ken Maser at 14 Kensington Road

John and Susan Stawe at 16 Kensington Road

Michelle Daziel at 20 Kensington Road

They stated that the appearance of the street would not benefit from a stop work order.
The hearing ended at 8:12pm and will be continued when more is known.

Discussion held with Michele Hassler, Commissioner from the Arlington Cemetery Commission, presented requests for the CPA application.

1. Stone work- clean and straighten stones and address safety issues.
2. Work on the wall and gate. These should be submitted together. Also include the report from the landscape architect about the state of the trees.

8:30pm Hearing for 22 Williams Street. Nellie Aikenhead presented the plans.

This address is included on the Arlington Historical Commission Inventory of Significant Properties.

A majority of the Arlington Historical Commission voted on October 3, 2016, that there is no reason to hold the application by the owner to replace windows based on the existing wooden windows.

JoAnn Robinson will be the monitor for the project.

8:55pm Discussion regarding 122 Claremont Avenue. Sal Pinchera presented the plans.

Garage repair needed due to structural issues. The siding will be removed to repair sheathing and replace like for like. Garage doors will remain the same.

A formal hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2, 2016.

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Old Business:

New Business: Gilboa House be turned into a artist's residence.

November 1: *Edgar Allan Poe Buried Alive* at the Regent Theatre at 7pm

Change meeting to Wednesday November 2, 2016 at 8:00pm. Call Sal Pinchera to let him know about date change.

The Arlington Historical Commission meeting adjourned at 9:37pm.

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be Wednesday, November 2, 2016.

For the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.